

**Statewide Voter File Subgroup  
Vote Indiana Planning Team  
February 28, 2003**

Subgroup members present: Claudia Cummings (for Linda Grass), Laura Herzog, Brad King, Zach Main, Regina Moore, Martha Padish, and Todd Rokita. Facilitator: Holly Davis

Others present: Bill McCully and Chris Horne (Quest Information Systems).

The subgroup members introduced themselves and Brad King led a discussion of the current status quo on the voter file in Indiana. Historically, voter registration was a county operation, which varied from county to county. Once a year, the counties would send their information to the Indiana Election Division, who would then distribute the list to the major political parties. Beginning in 1995 with Motor Voter legislation, the state sent out postcards to the voter file to eliminate duplications and correct information. In 2001, Indiana passed legislation to create a statewide voter file via the Internet. The Help America Vote Act in 2002 went a step further by saying each state must have a statewide voter file and must determine a process to expedite timely upkeep of the information.

Secretary Rokita said this group, like the others, is charged with creating a framework for what will be the components of the system, the qualifications of the vendor, and providing basic ideas for funding, administration and distribution. A discussion of what other states with statewide voter files do ensued, and **King was assigned the task of surveying states that have recently gone through the process.** Martha Padish asked what happens if there is a problem with the system, and subgroup members decided that redundancy should be built into the process. Members also brought up problems with a unique identifying code and agreed they must look at each piece of the voter registration process to see what would be relevant under the new system.

King went through the subgroup task list, and members decided to approach the tasks by topics. Focusing on those with legislative or fiscal impacts, members chose (1) How Indiana will establish a fund for administering HAVA payments and how the Indiana fund will be managed. Role of budget agency, if any? (2) How Indiana will use federal funds to comply with HAVA requirements concerning statewide voter file, including multi-year plan with timelines for implementation. What will be the budget for doing so (HAVA funds + state matching amount), estimated cost of compliance, years in which the funds will be expended). (6) How Indiana will distribute and monitor distribution of HAVA funds, including eligibility criteria and monitoring performance. Interrelationship of Sec 101 money and Title III requirements money, state matching fund requirement (\$300,000 previously released state funds). (9) Should there be a "maintenance of effort" funding requirement at county level? **They agreed to come to the meeting prepared with written thoughts on the above-mentioned tasks.**